



Nebraska Cattle Feeder's News

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Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2006

State	May Number on Feed ¹			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance ²		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	330	346	105	31	27	87	24	23	96	3	9	300
California	500	530	106	64	60	94	59	60	102	5	5	100
Colorado	970	1,060	109	120	140	117	150	140	93	20	10	50
Idaho	240	245	102	39	31	79	37	34	92	2	2	100
Iowa	455	495	109	55	64	116	53	66	125	2	3	150
Kansas	2,260	2,530	112	375	375	100	425	410	96	30	25	83
Nebraska	2,190	2,320	106	320	320	100	380	390	103	10	10	100
New Mexico	114	132	116	19	18	95	16	24	150	2	1	50
Oklahoma	305	340	111	52	48	92	70	66	94	2	2	100
South Dakota	200	200	100	27	28	104	31	35	113	1	3	300
Texas	2,630	2,910	111	500	455	91	480	470	98	10	15	150
Washington	147	152	103	19	23	121	30	22	73	1	1	100
Other States	300	300	100	39	40	103	46	54	117	3	1	33
U.S.	10,641	11,560	109	1,660	1,629	98	1,801	1,794	100	91	87	96

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

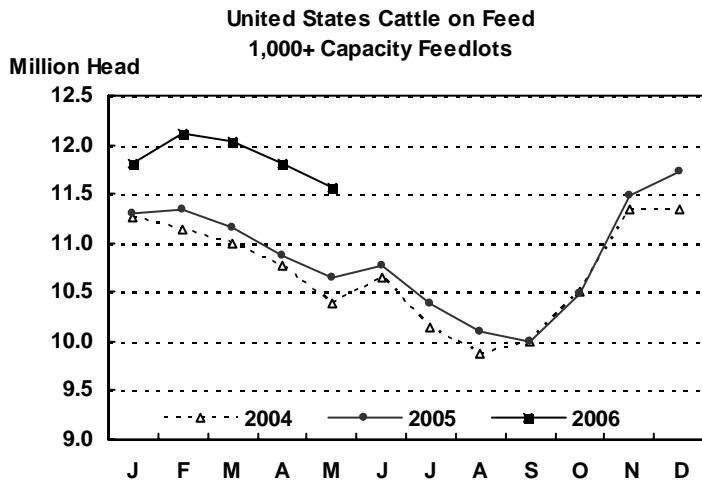
²Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, May 19, 2006

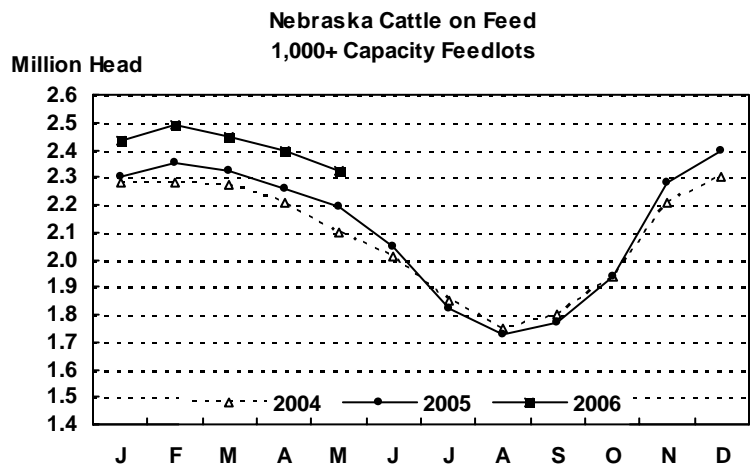
Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2006

State	During April									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	20	40	20	25	35	35	45	40	120	140
Kansas	50	60	50	65	120	115	155	135	375	375
Nebraska	45	60	40	45	105	85	130	130	320	320
Texas	105	120	70	95	170	135	155	105	500	455
Other States	120	105	45	40	70	74	110	120	345	339
U.S.	340	385	225	270	500	444	595	530	1,660	1,629

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed May 19, 2006



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Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Apr 2005	Mar 2006	Apr 2006	Apr 06 % of		Jan-Apr ²		
				Apr 2005	Mar 2006	2005	2006	06 as % of 05
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	1,860	2,179	1,946	105	89	7,493	7,933	106
Veal	12.6	13.0	10.6	84	82	50.3	47.3	94
Pork	1,691	1,856	1,601	95	86	6,786	6,880	101
Lamb & Mutton	14.9	17.7	16.3	110	92	62.0	63.5	102
Total Red Meat	3,578	4,066	3,574	100	88	14,391	14,924	104

¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.
Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter May 19, 2006

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Apr 2005	Mar 2006	Apr 2006	Jan-Apr ¹		Apr 2005	Mar 2006	Apr 2006	Jan-Apr ¹	
				2005	2006				2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,336	1,458	1,379	5,058	5,324	53.1	52.0	53.8	50.8	51.9
Heifers	772	878	763	3,162	3,153	30.7	31.3	29.8	31.7	30.7
All Cows	366	428	386	1,579	1,626	14.6	15.3	15.0	15.9	15.8
Dairy Cows	173	207	170	773	749	6.9	7.4	6.6	7.8	7.3
Other Cows	193	221	216	806	877	7.7	7.9	8.4	8.1	8.5
Bulls & Stags	43	43	37	167	161	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.6
Total ¹	2,517	2,806	2,566	9,966	10,264	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,095	8,836	7,614	32,545	32,721	96.7	96.6	96.6	96.7	96.7
Sows	248	286	246	1,022	1,028	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0
Stags & Boars	26	25	23	92	94	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	8,369	9,148	7,882	33,659	33,842	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	11	9	10	41	36	5.4	4.0	4.3	4.7	4.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	197	230	226	834	841	94.6	96.0	95.7	95.3	95.9
Total ¹	208	240	236	876	877	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter May 19, 2006

Annual Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Reports

Marketing Year ²	Number of and Average Price Changes ¹							
	Week Prior to Release				Week After Release			
	Increases		Decreases		Increases		Decreases	
	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
1995	5	0.85	6	1.48	4	0.71	8	0.79
1996	4	1.17	8	1.51	3	0.72	8	1.22
1997	5	1.30	7	0.79	5	1.19	7	0.74
1998	6	1.53	6	1.20	3	0.98	9	1.12
1999	9	0.73	3	1.11	5	0.38	7	0.50
2000	8	0.76	4	0.69	7	0.78	5	1.08
2001	5	0.84	7	1.78	5	1.87	7	1.47
2002	9	1.24	3	1.40	5	1.14	7	1.68
2003	5	3.73	7	2.41	5	1.90	7	3.24
2004	9	1.73	3	1.85	5	4.07	7	1.83
2005	2	1.65	10	1.43	5	1.01	7	1.28

¹Prices based on the weekly weighted average price for live steers and heifers from feedlots in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, and Southern Minnesota. Total increases and decreases may not add to twelve for a year when the week-to-week price does not change.

²Marketing year represents the January-December calendar year.

Source: Market News, Agricultural Marketing Service

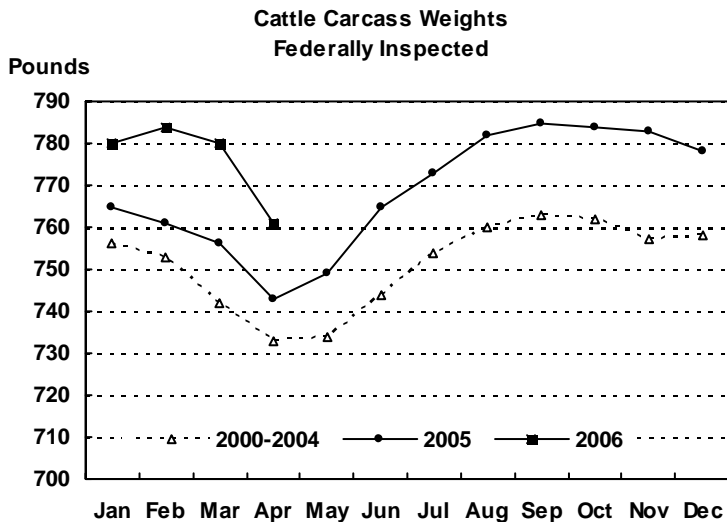
Monthly Cattle Price Reactions to Official Releases

Release Date	Inventory Change ²	Average Price ¹			Change From	
		Week Prior	Week of Release	Week After	Week Before to Week of Release	Week of Release To Week After
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Jan 21, 2005	0.5	91.59	89.55	88.37	-2.04	-1.18
Feb 18, 2005	2	89.58	87.77	86.79	-1.81	-0.98
Mar 18, 2005	2	92.98	90.18	90.20	-2.80	0.02
Apr 22, 2005	1	91.92	93.90	92.63	1.98	-1.27
May 20, 2005	3	90.09	88.81	86.84	-1.28	-1.97
Jun 17, 2005	1	85.57	83.60	82.13	-1.97	-1.47
Jul 22, 2005	3	80.17	79.04	79.57	-1.13	0.53
Aug 19, 2005	2	79.59	79.07	81.76	-0.52	2.69
Sep 23, 2005	0.1	86.27	86.06	86.87	-0.21	0.81
Oct 21, 2005	-0.2	88.75	87.58	87.26	-1.17	-0.32
Nov 18, 2005	1	91.30	89.97	90.97	-1.33	1.00
Dec 23, 2005	3	94.46	95.77	93.98	1.31	-1.79

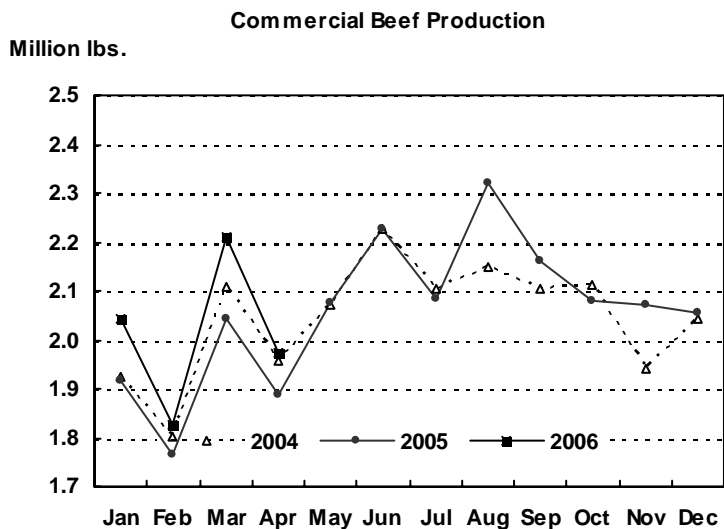
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²Change from previous year.

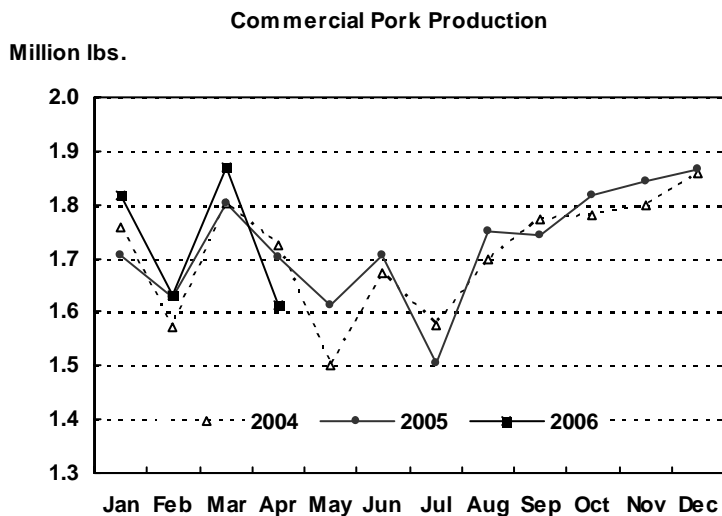
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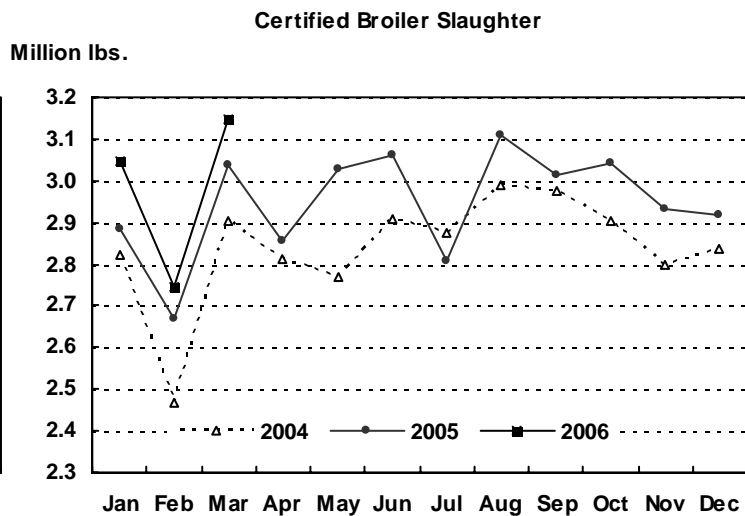
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